

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/965,451

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an amendment filed January 11, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to the applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Aaron Waxler (Registration No. 48027) on March 23, 2006.
3. The application has been amended as follows:
 - a. Claim 1, line 11, the phrase "the construction" has been replaced with the following --the construction and identical function--.
 - b. Claim 1, lines 12 - 13, the phrase "and the register unit (20) being identical in respect of function" has been deleted.
 - c. Claim 11, line 11, the phrase "the construction" has been replaced with the following --the construction and identical function--.
 - d. Claim 11, lines 12 - 13, the phrase "and the register unit "(20) being identical in respect of function," has been deleted.
 - e. Claim 12, line 11, the phrase "the construction" has been replaced with the following --the construction and identical function--.
 - f. Claim 12, lines 12 - 13, the phrase "and the register unit (20) being identical in respect of function," has been deleted.
4. Claims 1 – 12 are allowed over the prior art of record.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

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a. While Kermani (U.S. Patent No. 6,314,499) and Chrysanthakopoulos (U.S. Patent No. 6,704,819) teach a multiprocessor array, and a communication terminal using a multiprocessor array, and a portable device using a multiprocessor array, which includes a) a first processor shadow register unit which operates within a first clock domain and includes i) a first processor, and ii) a first shadow register unit which is connected to the first processor so as to transmit data bidirectionally, b) at least one second processor shadow register unit which i) operates within a corresponding second clock domain, ii) includes a second processor, and iii) a second shadow register unit which is connected to the second processor so as to transmit data bidirectionally, and c) a peripheral unit which operates within a peripheral clock domain and includes i) a multiplexer unit which is connected to the first shadow register unit and the at least one second shadow register unit so as to transmit data bidirectionally, ii) a register unit having the construction and identical function of the first shadow register unit and the at least one second shadow register unit, and iii) a priority unit directly connected to a multiplexer unit for applying control signals thereto and for allocating the multiplexer unit for data transmission to the first shadow register unit or to the at least one second shadow register unit based on at least one criterion, the priority unit being connected to the first shadow register unit and to the at least one second shadow register unit, via a corresponding asynchronous request line, said request line informing the priority unit of changes in a corresponding shadow register, neither of these references taken either alone or in combination with the prior art of record teach the aforementioned multiprocessor array specifically including:

- i. **Claims 1, 11 and 12:** a priority unit *directly connected to a multiplexer unit via only a single active connection*, in combination with the remaining elements and features of the claimed invention.

It is for these reasons that the Applicant's invention defines over the prior art of record.

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6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Russell L. Guill whose telephone number is 571-272-7955. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday 10:00 AM – 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Rodriguez can be reached on 571-272-3753. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC2100 Group Receptionist: 571-272-2100.

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